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**THE COVER**

We thank Kathy Caminiti for this photograph taken on March 8, 2002 of the Snow Owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*) in Pendleton County.

## THE SPRING MIGRATION, 2002

Fred M. Busroe

The spring season weather was unusual. There were near record high temperatures early in the season and a hard freeze on May 16. The precipitation was heavy early and light for the latter part of the period.

There were observations reported from the highest elevation (Big Black Mountain) to the lowest elevation (Fulton County). Some of the unusual observations from western Kentucky included: Pacific Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Western Grebe, Ruff and a White-winged Dove. Reports from eastern Kentucky included; Black-capped Chickadees from Lawrence County, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Veerys and Dark-eyed Juncos from Big Black Mountain and nesting Red-breasted Nuthatches in Wolfe County.

**Abbreviations** – WMA = Wildlife Management Area; Ano = Ano Strip Mine, Pulaski County; Bark = Barkley Dam, Lyon County; Bath = Bath County; Bee = Bee Rock, Pulaski County; Bern = Bernheim Forest, Bullitt/Nelson counties.; BBMt = Big Black Mountain, Harlan County; BCNP = Boone County Cliffs Nature Preserve, Boone County; PB = Palmer-Ball Farm, Jefferson County; Bur = Burlington, Boone County; Cal = Calloway County; Camp = Campbell County; CEL = Camp Ernst Lake, Boone County; Cane = Canewood, Clark County; Can = Caneyville Lake, Grayson, County; CRL = Cave Run Lake, Rowan County; Cra = Craig's Creek, Gallatin County; Cre = Joe Creason Park, Jefferson County; DBNF = Daniel Boone National Forest, Powell/Wolfe counties; EBP = East Bend Power Plant, Boone County; EIP = England-Idlewild Park, Boone County; Eve = Evergreen Cemetery, Campbell County; Falls = Falls of the Ohio, Jefferson County; Fre = Freeman lake, Hardin County; Ful = Fulton County; Ghe = Ghent Power Plant, Carroll County; Gray = Grayson County; GRL = Green River Lake, Adair/Taylor counties; Gri = Griffin Park, Warren County; Hic = Hickman, Fulton County; Jon = Jonathan Creek Embayment, Marshall County; I#8 = Island Number 8, Fulton County; Jef = Jefferson County; JMF = Jefferson County Memorial Forest, Jefferson County; KyDam = Kentucky Dam, Livingston/Marshall counties; KyLake = Kentucky Lake, Marshall/Trigg counties; LBL = Land Between the Lakes, Trigg County; LBark = Lake Barkley, Livingston/ Lyon/Trigg counties; LCWMA = Lake Cumberland WMA, Pulaski County; L#9 = Lake Number 9, Fulton County; LPew = Lake Pewee, Hopkins County; LMc = McElroy Lake, Warren County; Letc = Letcher County; Lit = Little Lick, DBNF, Pulaski County; Long = Longpoint WMA, Fulton County; Lou = Louisville, Jefferson County; Mark = Markland Dam, Gallatin County; MCNP = Mammoth Cave National Park, Edmonson County; MCP = Middle Creek Park, Boone County; MCFH = Minor Clark Hatchery, Rowan County; Mor = Morgan's Pond, Christian County; MZ = Mt. Zion, Pulaski County; New = Newport, Campbell County; Old = Oldham County; Open = Open Pond, Fulton County; Owen = Owensboro, Daviess County; PWMA = Peabody WMA, Muhlenburg County; Pet = Petersburg, Boone County; PHC = Pleasant Hill Church Road, Cadiz, Trigg County; Pul = Pulaski County; Pump = Pumphouse Pond, Pulaski County; RNWR = Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Fulton County; Roc = Rock Bridge Trail, DBNF, Wolfe County; RRSP = Rough River State Park, Grayson County; Scott = Scott County; SC = Short Creek, Grayson County; SWMA = Sloughs WMA, Henderson County; Split = Split Rock Nature Park, Boone County; Trigg = Trigg County; Wal = Walton's Pond, Warren County; Warn = Warren County; War = Warsaw, Gallatin County; Yate = Yatesville Lake, Lawrence County; YWMA = Yatesville WMA, Lawrence County.

**PACIFIC LOON** – 1 was observed on KyLake above KyDam on March 30, April 23, May 2 and 10 (DR); and lingered to May 13 (WL). The loon was videotaped, documentation to be submitted.

**Common Loon** – 2 on March 24 at LPew (DO); 6 on March 27 at CRL dam (FB); 1 on April 29 and May 4 at Yate (SF); 1 on May 13 at KyDam (WL).

**Pied-billed Grebe** – 9 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 12 on March 27 at CEL (LMc).

**Horned Grebe** – 9 on March 20 at Can (JP); 1 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 18 on March 23 at Mark and 3 at CEL from March 26 – 30 (LMc); 10 on March 25 at New (FR); 1 on March 27 at Yate (SF).

**Red-necked Grebe** – 1 on April 10 at KyLake above KyDam (DR). It was videotaped.

**Eared Grebe** – 1 on April 10 at KyLake and 3 on April 29 at Mor, these were photographed (DR). Documentation to be submitted.

**WESTERN GREBE** – 1 on April 10 at KyLake (DR). The bird was videotaped and documentation to be submitted.

**American White Pelican** – 7 on March 14 at L#9 (GC, KL); 40 above Bark on March 17 (WL); 300+ on March 21 and 625+ on March 30 at LBark between the dam and Eddyville, Lyon County (DR); 3 on March 24 at Hic (DO).

**Double-crested Cormorant** – 14 on March 16 at Falls (DO).

**American Bittern** – 1 on March 31 at Yate (SF); 1 on April 8 at Eve (FR); 1 on April 11 at SWMA (DR).

**Least Bittern** – 1 on May 20 at PWMA (DR).

**Great Blue Heron** – 34 on March 2 at colony at Lee's Ford Dock, Pul (RD); 27 present on March 16 at rookery in Gray (JP); an active nest at EBP on May 11 (LMc).

**Great Egret** – 5 on March 14 and 27 at Long (GC); 2 on April 23 at Yate (SF); 1 on May 19 at Mor (WL); 23 at L#9 and 16 at Long on May 27 (KL, BL).

**Snowy Egret** – 2 on April 14 at Long (GC, NM).

**Cattle Egret** – 1 on March 24 near RNWR (DO); 1 on March 30 at Long (KL, Hap, NM); 1 on May 27 at RNWR (WL); 1 on May 27 at Open (KL, BL).

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** – 1 on April 29 in Marshall County (DR).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** – 2 on April 26 at Lou (DO).

**Ross's Goose** – 3 on March 15 at SWMA and 1 on March 23 at Gri (DR).

**Snow Goose** – 500+ on March 24 near RNWR (DR).

**Wood Duck** – 8 on March 24 at Yate (SF); 1 female and 9 young on April 27 at MCNP (LMc); a female with 7 young on May 11 at Pet (LMc).

**Green-winged Teal** – 2 on March 20 at Yate (SF); several hundred on March 24 at RNWR (DR); 30+ on March 29 in a flooded field in Bath (FB).

**Northern Pintail** – 20+ on March 24 at Hic (DO).

**Blue-winged Teal** – 9 on March 10 at Long (GC, NM); a high of 20 between March 20 – April 14 (PL, WL); 5 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 4 on March 26 at YWMA (SF); 150 on March 29 in Bath flooded field (FB).

**Cinnamon x Blue-winged Teal** – 1 was videotaped on April 17 at Mor (DR).

**Northern Shoveler** – 27 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 22 on April 6 at Pet (LMc); 2 males on April 20 at MCFH (FB).

**Gadwall** – 22 on March 10 at Falls (DO); 25 on March 30 at Pet (LMc).

**Redhead** – 6 males on March 6 at Can (JP); 6 on March 16 at Falls (DO); 20 on March 20 at Can (JP); 1 on May 20 at PWMA (DR).

**Ring-necked Duck** – A seasonal high at Can was 10 on March 20 (JP); 5 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 9 on March 24 at Yate (SF).

- Greater Scaup** – 30 on March 20 at Can (JP); 2 on March 22 at CEL (LMc); 1 on March 23 at Falls (DO).
- Lesser Scaup** – 17 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 55 at Pet gravel pit on March 24 (LMc).
- Black Scoter** – The female that wintered on the Ohio River at Louisville lingered to March 23 at Falls (DO).
- Hooded Merganser** – 1 lingered at EBP and Pet until May 11 (LMc).
- Red-breasted Merganser** – 8 on March 22 near Owen (JP); 70 on March 23 at GRL (DR); 25+ on March 24 at Fre (DO).
- Ruddy Duck** – 200 on March 11 at Jon (WL); 11 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 3 at CEL on March 27 (LMc).
- Osprey** – 1 on March 13 at LBL (WL); 1 on March 24 at Hic (DO); 1 on April 9, 23 and May 20 at Yate (SF).
- Mississippi Kite** – A group of 20 were feeding at French Bend, Ful and 1 at RNWR on May 27 (WL); 2 on May 27 at Long (KL, BL).
- Bald Eagle** – 1 adult fishing in CRL on March 1 (FB, LK); 1 adult on nest on March 10 and 24 at L#9 (GC, BL, KL); 2 immatures on March 24 at L#9 (GC, BL, KL); 1 immature on March 24 at RNWR (DO); 1 on March 27 at Yate (SF); 14 on April 10 at L#9 (GC, NM); 1 adult on May 3 – 4 at MCFH (FB).
- Northern Harrier** – 2 on March 24 at RNWR and 1 in Lou on April 14 (DO).
- Cooper's Hawk** – 1 at nest on April 15 at MtZ (RD); 1 on April 21 at YWMA (SF).
- Red-shouldered Hawk** – 3 on March 24 at RNWR (DO).
- Broad-winged Hawk** – 1 on April 10 in Blaine, Lawrence County (SF); 2 on April 13 at Bern (DO).
- Red-tailed Hawk** – 2 active nests at Pet and 1 at Ghe during the period (LMc).
- Golden Eagle** – 1 on March 6 at Open (DR); 1 on March 10 in Ful (GC, NM).
- American Kestrel** – A pair arrived at SC nest box on March 24 (JP).
- Merlin** – 1 on March 24 at PWMA (DO); 1 on April 16 and 25 at LMc (DR).
- Peregrine Falcon** – 1 – 2 at LMc from April 22 to May 19 (DR); 1 on May 21 at RRSP (JP).
- Prairie Falcon** – 1 on March 17 at L#9 (KL, BL).
- Wild Turkey** – 26 on March 3 in Pul (RD); 8 on April 2 at YWMA (SF); a nest with 11 eggs at BCNP on May 11 (LMc).
- Northern Bobwhite** – 15 on May 21 in Ohio County (JP); 15 on May 27 at L#9 (KL, BL).
- King Rail** – 1 on May 20 at PWMA (DR).
- Sora** – 1 on April 26 at Pum (RD).
- Common Moorhen** – 1 on May 20 at PWMA (DR).
- American Coot** – 43 on March 16 at Falls (DO); 790 on March 23 at Fre (DO); 300+ on March 27 at Goose Pond, CRL (FB).
- Black-bellied Plover** – 1 on April 27 at Mor (WL); 2 on May 11 at Pet (LMc); 8 on May 19 at Mor (WL).
- American Golden Plover** – 170+ on April 23 in Ful (DR).
- Semipalmated Plover** – A high number of 7 was seen during May in Trigg (WL); 25 on May 14 at MCFH (FB).
- Piping Plover** – 1 was videotaped on May 7 at Mor (DR).
- Black-necked Stilt** – 1 on April 20 at SWMA, 2 on April 23 at I#8 slough and 1 – 2 at LMc on April 26 – 27 and May 31 (DR).
- Greater Yellowlegs** – 3 on March 9 at GRL (RD); 1 on March 21 at LBL (WL); 5+ on March 24 at RNWR (DO); 7 on March 14 and 9 on March 27 at Long (GC); 1 on March 27 at Yate (SF).
- Lesser Yellowlegs** – 3+ on March 24 at RNWR (DO); 9 on March 27 at Long (GC); 5 on

May 17 at MtZ (RD).

**Solitary Sandpiper** – A high count of 23 on April 19 at Long (GC); 1 on April 21 at YWMA (SF); 69 on April 23 at Long (DR); 1 on May 17 at MtZ (RD).

**Willet** – 1 on April 25 at LMc (DR); a flight of 17 on May 5 at Cane (FR); 1 on May 11 at EBP (LMc).

**Upland Sandpiper** – 1 on April 16 at LMc (DR)

**Whimbrel** – 1 on May 8 at LMc and 4 on May 17 at Mor (DR). Birds were videotaped.

**Ruddy Turnstone** – 17 on May 17 at Mor (DR).

**Sanderling** – 1 on May 19 at LMc (DR).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** – 20+ on May 14 at MCFH (FB); 25 on May 16 in Trigg and 5 on May 19 at Mor (WL); 16 on May 31 at MtZ (RD).

**Western Sandpiper** – 2 on May 18 in Trigg (WL).

**Least Sandpiper** – 3 on March 9 at Pet (LMc); 3 on March 9 at GRL (RD); 40 on May 14 at MCFH (FB).

**Baird's Sandpiper** – 3 on May 4 at LMc, 2 on May 7 - 8 at Wal (DR); one on May 14 and 3 on May 29 at MCFH (FB).

**Pectoral Sandpiper** – 25 on March 24 at RNWR (DO); 9 on March 27 at Long (GC).

**Dunlin** – 1 on April 2 at LMc (DR); 8 on May 14 at MCFH (FB); 24 on May 18 in Trigg and 150+ at Mor on May 19 (WL).

**Stilt Sandpiper** – 1 - 4 from May 4 - 8 at LMc (DR)

**RUFF** – 1 female from 23-28 May at Mor (DR, WL). Bird photographed and documentation to be submitted. Apr

**Short-billed Dowitcher** – 37 on May 7 and 1 (possible *griseus*) on May 30 at Wal (DR).

**Long-billed Dowitcher** – 33 on April 29 at LMc (DR).

**Common Snipe** - 50+ on March 24 at RNWR (DO).

**American Woodcock** – 11 on March 3 at RRSP airport (JP); 7+ on March 24 at PWMA (DO).

**Wilson's Phalarope** – 3 on May 4 at LMc (DR).

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** – 5 were photographed on May 17 at Mor, 3 on May 18 at LMc (DR, RD), 1 on May 19 - 20 at LMc (DR); 1 at Mor on May 19 (WL).

**Laughing Gull** – 1 on April 28 at LMc and 1 on April 29 at KyDam (DR).

**Franklin's Gull** – 1 on April 29 at KyDam (DR).

**Bonaparte's Gull** – 5 on March 23 near War (LMc); 8 on April 3 at Yate (SF).

**Ring-billed Gull** – 200 on March 4 on Ohio River, New (FR); 67 on March 10 and 25 on March 16 at Falls (DO); 10 on April 3 at YATE (SF).

**Herring Gull** – 1 on March 16 at Falls (DO); 1 on March 23 near War (LMc).

**Thayer's Gull** – 1 adult on March 6 at Bark and a second-year bird on March 14 at KyDam (DR).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** – 2 on March 11 at Bark, 1 on March 14 at KyDam and 1 on March 21 at Bark (DR); 1 adult on March 24 at KyDam (DO).

**Glaucous Gull** – 1 - 2 from March 14 - 30 at KyDam and Bark (DR); 1 on March 24 at KyDam (DO).

**Caspian Tern** – 2 on March 30 at LBark (DR); 2 on April 20 at MCFH (FB); 2 on May 8 near Dix Dam, Mercer County (RD).

**Common Tern** – 1 on April 25 in Camp (FR); 2 on May 13 at Yate (SF); 20+ on May 19 at KyDam (DR).

**Forster's Tern** – 5 on March 11 at Jon (WL); 6 on April 28 at Cra (LMc); 2 on May 2 at Yate (SF); 2 on May 8 at Dix Dam, Mercer County (RD); 8 on May 13 at Yate (SF).

**Black Tern** – 10 on May 15 at KyDam and 10 on May 17 at LMc (DR).

**Eurasian Collared-Dove** – 1 on nest at Hic on March 24 (DO).

**WHITE-WINGED DOVE** – 1 on April 17 in Cal (DR, CM). Bird photographed and documentation to be submitted.

**Black-billed Cuckoo** – 1 on May 14 in Warn (DR); 1 on May 5 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 15 at Bur (LMc).

**Eastern Screech-Owl** – 1 on March 27 at Blaine, Lawrence County (SF); 1 on April 18 at RRSP (JP).

**Great Horned Owl** – 2 on April 1 at SC (JP); a nest with 2 young on April 6 at Bur (LMc); 1 on April 7 and 10, 2 on April 12 and 2 adults with two immatures on April 15 at Eve (FR); 1 on May 9 at PB (DO).

**SNOWY OWL** – 1 on March 10 near Falmouth, Pendleton County (DO).

**Barred Owl** – 2+ at RNWR and 1 at KyDam on March 24 (DO); 1 on April 9 at YWMA (SF).

**Long-eared Owl** – 2 on March 24 at PWMA (DO).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** – 1 on March 10 at Lit (RD).

**Chuck's-will-widow** – First heard at PHC on April 17 (PL, WL); 1 in Gray on April 22 (JP).

**Whip-poor-will** – First heard at PHC on March 14 (PL, WL).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** – 1 on May 20 at PWMA (DR).

**Acadian Flycatcher** – 2 on May 2 at YWMA (SF); 2 on May 11 at JMF (DO).

**Alder Flycatcher** – 1 on May 11 at LCWMA (RD, JB); 1 on May 13 in Warn (DR).

**Least Flycatcher** – 1 heard singing on May 2 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 21 at PB (DO); 1 on May 21 at RRSP (JP); 8 on May 26 at BBMt (RD); 10 singing males with 1 carrying food on May 29 at BBMt (DR).

**Loggerhead Shrike** – 5 on March 24 in Ful (DO).

**White-eyed Vireo** – 4+ on April 27 in Jef (DO).

**Blue-headed Vireo** – 1 on April 1 in Lawrence County (SF); 10 on April 6 at Lit (RD); 3 on April 20 at Eve (FR); 1 on April 21 at LBL (WL).

**Yellow-throated Vireo** – 1 on April 12 at LBL (WL); 2 on April 13 at Bern (DO).

**Warbling Vireo** – 1 on March 18 near Can (JP); 1 on May 11 in Lou (DO); 2 on May 11 in Pul (RD, JB).

**Philadelphia Vireo** – 1 on May 6 near Princess Arch, DBNF (JP); 1 on May 11 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 19 at MtZ (RD).

**Fish Crow** – 2+ on March 24 at RNWR (DO); 1 on April 12 at Jon (WL); a flock of 9 on April 29 near KyDam (DR).

**Common Raven** – 1 on May 29 in Letc (DR).

**Horned Lark** – 1 on March 24 at RRSP airport (JP); 3+ on April 28 in Lou (DO).

**Purple Martin** – 8 on April 13 at RRSP (JP).

**Tree Swallow** – 14 on March 10 at Long (GC, NM); 2 on March 15 at Yate (SF); 75 on March 16 at MCFH (FB); first seen in LBL on March 20 (WL); 16 on March 16 at Falls and 12 at Fre on March 23 (DO); 8 on March 21 at Can (JP); 150+ on March 23 and 200+ on May 4 at MCFH (FB).

**Bank Swallow** – 150+ on May 4 at MCFH (FB); 1 on May 17 – 18 at Trigg pond (WL); 50+ active nests on May 18 at Pet gravel pit (LMc).

**Cliff Swallow** – 3 on April 24 at Yate (SF); 150+ on May 4 at MCFH (FB); 80+ birds at nests on May 11 at EBP (LMc); 4 adults and 2 immatures on May 27 in Gray (JP).

**Black-capped Chickadee** – 3 on March 26 at Blaine (SF); 3 photographed at Blaine, Lawrence County and 1 at Yate on March 28 (DR). Documentation to be submitted.



**Red-breasted Nuthatch** – 2 on April 9 at Eve; 3 on April 10 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 13 at Bern (DO); 1 on April 15 in Gray (JP); 1 on April 19, 2 at nest hole on April 20 - 21 and 1 on May 5 at Roc (FR).

**Brown Creeper** – 5 on April 6 at Lit (RD).

**Bewick's Wren** – 1 on May 5 in Warn (DR); 1 on May 25 in Scott (DO).

**House Wren** – 1 on April 18 at YWMA (SF).

**Winter Wren** – 1 on March 24 near KyDam (DO).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet** – 18 on March 30 in Gray (JP); 3 on April 2 at YWMA (SF); 13 on April 6 at Lit (RD).

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet** – 3 on April 11 at YWMA (SF).

**Veery** – 3 on May 4 at BCNP (LMc); 1 on May 11 at JMF (DO); 8 (1 with nesting material) on May 26 at BBMt (RD).

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** – 1 on May 11 at BCNP (LMc); 1 on May 11 at JMF (DO).

**Swainson's Thrush** – Several were seen and heard on May 2 at both PHC and LBL (WL).

**Hermit Thrush** – 1 on March 23 near RNWR (DO); 19 on April 6 at Lit (RD); 2 on April 10 at YWMA (SF).

**American Pipit** – 3+ on March 24 at RNWR (DO); 5 on March 27 at Long (GC, KL); 200+ on April 25 at LMc (DR).

**Cedar Waxwing** – 124 on May 11 at JMF (DO); 10 on May 12 at SC (JP).

**Blue-winged Warbler** – 2 on April 13 at Cre (DO); 1 on April 16 at LCWMA (RD); a research team from Queen's University of Ontario netted and banded 35 at Ft. Campbell and LBL between April 27 and May 7 (WL).

**Golden-winged Warbler** – Several singing males were heard at LBL from April 25 to May 5 (WL).

**Tennessee Warbler** – 40 on May 11 at JMF (DO).

**Nashville Warbler** – First seen at LBL on April 19 (WL); 1 on April 27 at Lou (DO).

**Northern Parula** – 1 on April 6 at Bee (RD); first heard singing on April 12 at LBL (WL); 1 on April 13 at Bern (DO); 1 on April 15 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 21 and 22 in Gray (JP); 4 on April 20 - 21 at Roc (FR).

**Yellow Warbler** – 1 on April 14 in Lou (DR); 1 on April 29 at SC (JP).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler** – 1 on May 12 at PB (DO).

**Magnolia Warbler** – 1 on April 25 and seen regularly until May 11 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 5 in DBNF (JP).

**Cape May Warbler** – 2 on May 11 at Eve (FR); 1 on May 18 at Split (LMc); 1 on May 21 at MtZ (RD).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler** – 1 on May 11 at BCNP (LMc); 10 on May 26 at BBMt (RD).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – 3 on April 13 at Bern and 4 on May 11 at JMF (DO); 1 still present at Bur on May 21 (LMc); 75 on May 4 at MCFH (FB).

**Black-throated Green Warbler** – 1 on April 2 at YWMA (SF); 21 on April 6 at Lit (RD); 10 on April 20 - 21 at Roc (FR); 4 on May 11 at JMF (DO).

**Blackburnian Warbler** – 3+ on May 5 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 15 at Eve (FR); 1 at BBMt and 3 in Letc on May 26 (RD).

**Yellow-throated Warbler** – 2 on April 13 at Bern (DO); an active nest at MCNP April 26 - 28 (LMc).

**Pine Warbler** – 1 on March 2 at Blaine, Lawrence County (SF); 1 on March 13 at Lit (RD); 1 on April 14 at JMF (DO); 5 on April 20 at Roc (FR); 1 on May 6 in DBNF (JP).

- Prairie Warbler** – 1 on April 10 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 11 at RRSP (JP); 1 on April 13 at Cre (DO); 4 on April 14 at Ano and 36 on April 29 at Lit (RD).
- Palm Warbler** – 1 on April 14 at PB (DO).
- Bay-breasted Warbler** – 4 on May 8 - 9 at LBL (WL); 4 on May 21 at MtZ (RD).
- Blackpoll Warbler** – 1 - 3 at Bur from May 2 - 24 (LMc); several from May 2 - 11 at LBL (WL); 4 on May 22 in Boyle County (RD); 2 on May 12 at PB (DO).
- Black - and -White Warbler** – 1 on April 1 at YWMA (SF); 11 on April 6 at Lit (RD); a high of 10 on April 21 at Roc (FR).
- Cerulean Warbler** – 1 male singing at LBL on April 19 (WL); 1 on April 19 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 19 in Ohio County and 1 in Gray on April 22 (JP); 3 on May 26 at BBMt (RD).
- American Redstart** – 1 on April 21 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 29 at Lit (RD); 1 on May 11 at JMF (DO).
- Prothonotary Warbler** – 1 on April 11 at LCWMA (RD); 1 on April 18 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 27 in Jef (DO); 1 male and female on May 3 - 4 at MCFH (FB); 4 on May 27 at L#9 (KL, BL).
- Worm-eating Warbler** – 1 on April 15 at YWMA (SF); 6 on May 11 at JMF (DO).
- Swainson's Warbler** – 2 on April 19 - 21 and May 5 at Roc (FR); 4 on April 29 at Lit (RD); 2 on May 29 in Letc (DR).
- Ovenbird** – 1 on April 10 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 14 at JMF (DO); a high of 6 on April 20 at Roc (FR).
- Louisiana Waterthrush** – 2 on March 21 at LBL (WL); 1 on March 25 at LCWMA (RD); 3 on March 29 at MCFH (FB); 1 on March 30 in Gray (JP); 3 on April 1 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 13 at Bern (DO); 1 on May 11 at JMF (DO).
- Kentucky Warbler** – 1 on April 18 at YWMA (SF); 4 on May 11 at JMF (DO).
- Connecticut Warbler** – 1 male on May 21 at PB (DO); 1 on May 21 at LCWMA (RD).
- Mourning Warbler** – 1 on May 18 at Split (LMc).
- Hooded Warbler** – 1 on April 14 at JMF (DO); 2 on April 18 at YWMA (SF); 1 on April 19 at MtZ (RD); 8 on April 20 - 21 at Roc (FR); 1 male on May 6 near Chimney Top, DBNF (JP).
- Wilson's Warbler** – 1 on April 19 at MtZ (RD).
- Canada Warbler** – 1 on May 26 at BBMt (RD).
- Summer Tanager** – 2+ were singing at LBL on April 15 (WL); 1 on April 22, May 13 - 14 in Gray (JP); 2 on May 11 at JMF (DO).
- Scarlet Tanager** – 1 on April 15 at MtZ (RD); 7 on May 11 at JMF (DO).
- CLAY-COLORED SPARROW** – 1 on April 29 at EIP (LMc). Documentation has been submitted.
- Vesper Sparrow** – 2 on March 24 near Open (DO); 6 on March 25 at MtZ (RD); 2 on March 25 at YWMA (SF); 2 on March 27 at MCFH (FB); 1 at EIP and 2 at EBP on April 6 (LMc).
- Lark Sparrow** – 1 on May 5 in Warn (DR); 1 or 2 in Mercer County on May 8 (RD, BK).
- Savannah Sparrow** – 7 on March 13 at MtZ (RD); 3 on March 20 at YWMA (SF); 3+ on March 24 near Open (DO); 8 on March 29 at MCFH (FB).
- Grasshopper Sparrow** – 1 on April 13 at PHC (PL, WL); 2 on April 14 at Ano (RD); 1 on April 28 in Old and 1 on May 31 at Bern (DO).
- Henslow's Sparrow** – 10 on April 17 in Wayne County and 7 on May 5 at Ano (RD).
- Fox Sparrow** – 1 seen on March 10 at PHC (PL, WL); 1 on March 14 at MtZ (RD); 2 on March 24 near RNWR (DO); 1 on March 30 at MCP (LMc); 3 on April 1 at YWMA (SF).

- Lincoln's Sparrow** – 1 on April 29 at MtZ (RD); at least 4 on May 4 at LBL (WL); 1 on May 12 at PB (DO).
- Swamp Sparrow** – 1 on May 3 in Pul (RD).
- White-throated Sparrow** – 4 on April 22 at SC (JP); 2 on May 11 at JMF (DO).
- White-crowned Sparrow** – 5+ on March 24 near Open (DO); 5 on April 6 at SC (JP); 1 on April 27 in Trigg (WL); 1 still present at Bur on May 14 (LMc); 1 on May 15 at PB (DO).
- Dark-eyed Junco** – 6 on May 26 at BBMt (RD).
- Lapland Longspur** – Several observations through April 11 at LMc (DR). Bird was photographed.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – 1 on May 2 at LBL (WL); 8 on May 26 at BBMt (RD); 1 still present at BCNP on May 27 (LMc).
- Blue Grosbeak** – First seen at PHC on April 19 (PL, WL); 1 on May 11 at Pet (LMc); 2 on May 11 in Lou (DO); 1 on May 11 in Ful (KL); 1 on May 12 at RRSP (JP); a pair on May 31 in Camp (FR).
- Dickcissel** – 1 on May 5 in Trigg (WL); 1 on May 11 in Jef (DO); 21 on May 27 at L#9 (KL, BL).
- Bobolink** – 1 on April 28 in Old (DO); 19 on May 5 at PHC (WL); 8 on May 4 at Cane (FR).
- Rusty Blackbird** – 12+ on March 24 near RNWR (DO); 5 at EIP on April 4 (LMc).
- Brewer's Blackbird** – A near record size flock of 110 were seen on March 20 at Wal (DR); 3+ on March 24 near Open (DO).
- Brown-headed Cowbird** – 2 cowbird eggs in a Wood Thrush nest on May 25 at MCP (LMc).
- Purple Finch** – 5 at PHC feeder until March 22 (WL); 1 male on March 24 near KyDam (DO); 4 males and 2 females on March 24 at SC feeder (JP); 32 on March 24 at Blaine, Lawrence County (SF).
- Pine Siskin** – 6 on March 19 in Camp (FR); 2 on April 4 and 1 on May 5 at Bur (LMc); 2 on April 21 at MtZ (RD).

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## FIELD NOTE

## Evidence of Breeding Pied-billed Grebes in Restored Menifee County Wetland

Kentucky lost 81% of its wetland area between 1780 and 1980 (Dahl 1990). This habitat loss has resulted in declining populations of plants and animals dependent on wetlands for survival. Nearly half of the 800 species of migratory birds in the United States rely on wetlands to fulfill their life history requirements (Wharton *et al.* 1982). The Daniel Boone National Forest (DBNF) covers more than 691,000 acres of land in eastern Kentucky. Wetlands are rare habitats within the DBNF. To combat some of this loss of habitat in eastern Kentucky, the U.S. Forest Service and Morehead Ranger District, in cooperation with other agencies and organizations, has established over 100 wetland habitats on former flood plains of the Licking River valley. These wetlands are designed to provide habitat for breeding and migratory waterfowl. However, the preponderance of the evidence is that most wetland restoration and construction efforts fail to replace the functions and values of the destroyed wetlands (Zedler 2000). Previous bird observations on these wetlands have found they were providing some value to birds (Haight and Reeder 1997), but extensive breeding of waterfowl had not been seen outside of birds using artificial structures (*i.e.*, nesting platforms and boxes).

On 9 June 2000 three hatchling Pied-billed Grebes (*Podilymbus podiceps*) were seen at one of the wetlands in the Forest Service complex. The presence of naturally breeding birds suggests the wetlands are providing food, cover, and protection for this obligate wetland species commensurate with natural wetlands. The wetland is 0.6 ha, has an average depth of 0.5 m, and a maximum depth of 1.2 m. Cattails and rushes (*Typha latifolia* and *Juncus acuminatus*) ring the outer edge of approximately two-thirds of the marsh. Approximately 10% of the wetland has a shallow flat dominated by moneywort (*Lysimachia nummularia*), the remainder is open water. We are hopeful that as these wetlands mature they will continue to increase the wetland bird populations in the region. --- **MICHAEL E. KENAWELL** and **BRIAN C. REEDER**, Department of Biological Sciences, Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky 40351.

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## **NEWS AND VIEWS**

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